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Subject:

Apparatus and Methods for Providing Home

Networking for Single and Multimedia Electronic

Devices

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

Preliminary Amendment

In the claims:

Amend the claims as follows. All claims standing for examination are reproduced below. Claims amended herein from the last amended form are marked (Amended) and claims not amended are marked (Unchanged).

1. (Amended) A multimedia data distribution system, comprising:

a home or business site having an existing asymmetric internal telephone wiring;

a distribution system distributing and delivering public network protocol signals from a public network to the level of the home or business;

[an] a bridge adapter unit having a single inlet port for public network protocol signals connected to the distribution system and to the

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